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The House met at 9 a.m.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We offer our thanks to You, gracious God, for the gifts that have touched our lives. With all the opportunities and responsibilities that life presents, we are eternally grateful that You have breathed into us the very breath of life and Your Spirit has nurtured us throughout the years. For better and worse and in all the seasons of life we have looked to You for strength and hope, for wisdom and forgiveness, and we earnestly pray that Your blessings will be with us wherever we are or whatever we do. May Your benediction of healing and hope, of assurance and faith continue in our lives now and evermore. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. HAYWORTH] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HAYWORTH led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain 10 one-minutes on each side.

RESULTS ACT

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am excited today to join with my good friend and colleague the gentleman from Texas [Mr. SESSIONS] in announcing the formation of the Results caucus. The Results caucus represents a bipartisan coalition of reform-minded Members who share the common goal of realizing a smaller, smarter, more commonsense government through the implementation of the Results Act.

Ask Americans what they want from the Federal Government and they emphasize four key points: Accountability, responsibility, simplicity, and common sense.

They want accountability. That means holding Federal agencies accountable for achieving their mission and holding Federal programs liable for what they promise.

They want responsibility. That means changing the current mindset of Federal bureaucrats to force them to operate more efficiently and to be more responsive to their customers and the taxpayers.

They want simplicity. That means eliminating wasteful and redundant Federal agencies and programs to prevent government from doing the same thing over and over again in a bureaucratic maze.

And they want common sense, which means ending one size fits all government functions.

Mr. Speaker, a growing number of Americans say Washington is an impediment to the achievement of the American dream. The Results caucus plans to work diligently to ensure that the American people have a Federal Government that is accountable, that is responsible, that is simple and that makes decisions based on common sense.

If you would like more information on the Results caucus, please visit my web site at armey.house.gov or feel free to contact my office.

TERRORISM STRIKES MIDDLE EAST

(Mr. LANTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it was just a few weeks ago that you joined me and every single colleague in this body but one in denouncing Arab terrorism in Jerusalem. Here we are again with the bodies of innocent children, women, and the elderly torn to bits by this most recent preposterous, unspeakable outrage.

Yasser Arafat cannot have it both ways. He cannot hug the leaders of the murderers and the assassins in the streets of Jerusalem and pretend to work for peace. The time has come for him to understand that this Nation, this Congress and the entire civilized world is expecting him to destroy the terrorist infrastructure of the various murderers groups living under his control. The upcoming visit of Secretary Albright might begin the process of peace at last. But terrorism and the pretense of peacemaking cannot coexist.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Democrat after Democrat cried for campaign finance reform. For Democrats to talk about campaign finance reform is a little like getting mad at the road for the transgressions of a drunk driver. Where have they been when it comes time to talk about Buddhist temple fundraising or selling the Lincoln bedroom or Pauline Kanchanalak or John Huang or Charlie Trie or Eric Hotung or any of the aforementioned people or subjects? But just in case those are not good enough,

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